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Question.

I *S any lie of the truth?*

Answer. No, for the Truth checks and reproves the Lyar, and he is not of Truth, 1 *Joh.* 2. 21.

Q *And what is he of the Divel that is not of truth?*

A. Yea, for the Divel abides not in the truth, *John* 8. 44.

Q *What is the Truth?*

A. Christ, which doth enlighten every man which cometh into the world, and that is the Truth which every man is enlightned withal, *John* 1. 9. *John* 14. 6.

Q *And is the light the truth, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world? and will this truth which is the light, shew to every man his evil deeds, and manifest to him his evil deeds which he hath acted, and the Divel which is out of Truth?*

A. Yea, yea believing in it, *Joh.* 12. 36.

Q. And is there no other way to the Father, but the light which is the Truth?

A. No, for the light is Chriſt, which comes from the Father, and is the way to the Father, who enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, *John* 14. 6.

Q. And why doth he enlighten every man that cometh into the world?

A. That all men through him might believe, who is the light, *John* 1. 7.

Q. And are all men to believe in the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World?

A. Yea.

Q. Are they condemned elſe?

A. Yea, *John* 3. 18, 19.

Q. And is this the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and that men do not believe in it?

A. Yea.

Q. And are men to believe in it?

A. Yea.

Q. What if men profeſs the Scriptures, and do not believe in that which enlightneth every one that cometh into the World?

A. They that doe ſo, they are of the Divel, and are as the Jews were, and they plead for ſin while they be upon earth, *John* 8. 44.

Q. *And*

Q. *And do not many in our age not believe in the light which is Chriſt, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, and yet profeſs the Scriptures, and do plead for ſin while they be upon earth?*

A. Yea: theſe are as the Jewes were, profeſſing the Scriptures, and not believeing in the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, and thoſe ſay they doe believe in Chriſt; but they doe not believe in Chriſt, which doe not believe in the light, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world: for the true light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, is the true Chriſt, he ſaith believe in the light, that you may be children of the light, *John* 1. 9. & 8. 12.

Q. *Is this the true Beliefe, to believe in the light, is this he that is borne of God, which giveth victory over the world?*

A. Yea, 1 *John* 5. 4.

Q. *And have men victory over the world who believe in the light?*

A. Yea.

Q. *And have not all they which doe profeſs the Scriptures, and doe not believe in the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, victory over the world?*

A. No, they have not victory, for they do not believe in the light; they say they believe in God, and in Christ, and they do not, for Christ Jesus is the light, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, and God is light and they that do not believe in this light, do not believe, so they remain under condemnation, without the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, 1 *John* 1. 5, 6.

Q *Is that the light which you tell me of which I am enlightned withal, which sheweth me all that ever I have done, and all the ungodly ways that ever I have acted in, and all the ungodly deeds which I have committed, and hard speeches I have spoken, ungodly words I have uttered, and the hard and wicked thoughts and imaginations which I have imagined and thought; is this the light which doth shew this, and make this manifest?*

A. Yea, this is the light which shews thee this, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, *Eph* 5. 13.

Q. *And is this the light which men hate, because their deeds are evil, and will not bring their deeds to the light, because the light will reprove them?*

A. Yea. *John* 16. 8, 9.

Q. *And will this light which doth enlighten every man which cometh into the world, re-*

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prove him that believeth in the light, and whose deeds are wrought in God?

A No, *John* 3. 21.

Q *And what will this light shew every one's words, actions and thoughts, and ways and deeds, and imaginations?*

A. Yea, it doth make them manifest, and it doth try them, *John* 3. 19, 20.

Q *Can any one try their ways, words, and actions, deeds, thoughts, imaginations, without the light which he is enlightned withal?*

A. No.

Q. *How may I know a thought and an imagination from the light?*

A. The light discovers them, and makes them manifest, which cometh from him by whom the world was made, which light was before thoughts were, and if the light be hearkned to, the thoughts and imaginations shall not lodge within thee, *Heb.* 1. 2.

Q. *How must I overcome them, and where must I know the first step of peace?*

A. In the light which thou art enlightned withal (which loving thou wilt see thy self, and how thou hast spent thy time) in that light stand still, and with that light thou wilt come to see Christ the Saviour of thy soul, from whence the light comes, to save thee from thy sin, and that which the light discovers contrary to it; thy strength is to

ſtand ſtill, and believe in the light; ſo he that believeth, doth not make haſte; for he believeth in that which doth make manifeſt that which is to be condemned, and ſo doth not will, nor run, but cometh to know that the election hath obtained it, and doth obtain it; and ſo the light will let thee ſee thy ſelf, and the croſs, which is to deny ſelf, and to follow Chriſt, and he that followeth not the light, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, which Chriſt hath enlightned him withal, followeth not Chriſt, but remains in the ſelf, (not denied) and in darkneſs, *Iſa.* 28. 16. *Romi* 9, 16. & 11. 7.

Q. *And of whom muſt I learn?*

A. Of Chriſt who hath enlightned thee, *Mat.* 11. 29.

Q. *Will he teach me?*

A. Yea, if thou learne of him which hath enlightned thee with the light, he will let thee ſee when ſinne doth appeare in thy thoughts and motions, before it comes into actions, and to abſtain from it when it appears, and to ſhun all appearances of evil; for the light doth diſcover it, and make it manifeſt, and is that which doth reprove, 2 *Cor.* 10. 15. 1 *Theſ.* 5. 22.

Q. *What difference is there betweene the Jews and the Chriſtians in nature, ſeeing that neither*

neither the Jewes nor Chriſtians doe believe in the light which doth enlighten every man which cometh into the world; which is the Chriſt by whom the world was made; and yet both will profeſs the Scriptures?

A. There is no difference; but theſe Chriſtians doe profeſs ſome of Chriſts words, and the Apoſtles words, which the Jewes doe not; ſo they being out of the life, which is the light of men, which the Apoſtles were in, and ſo both in the one life, which is the old; they not owning the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, they are not come to him in whom is life, which light is the life of men: and the Jews and theſe Chriſtians not coming to the light, in whom is life, they come not to the life of men, *Joh.* 1. 4.

Q *And whether Jewes, Gentiles, and Chriſtians, that doe not believe in the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, be all out of him who is the light, the life of men?*

A. Yea, *Iſa.* 42. 6.

Q: *What are Jews, and Gentiles, and Chriſtians which do not believe in the light, which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world (though they may profeſs all the Scriptures) are they all out of the Way?*

A. Yea, and out of the life of men, if they

they do not believe in the light which doth enlighten every man which doth come into the world; for the light is the way to the Father of light, the light which doth enlighten every man which doth come into the world, *Iohn.* 8. 12 & 14. 6.

Q. *Is this the way to the Father of light, the light which doth enlighten every man which doth come into the world?*

A. Yea, the light is the way both to Jews and Chriſtians; Chriſt Jeſus ſaith, I am the way who doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, and no man cometh to the Father but by me, every man having a light from Chriſt the way, it leads to the Father, *Rom.* 10. 20.

Q. *But we ſee that the Preachers, Teachers, and Profeſſors ſay, Chriſt doth not enlighten every one?*

A. Yea, ſuch Teachers as are made by the will of man, and are ſet up by the Powers of the Earth, and not with Truth; but the Teachers which are made by the will of God and not by man, witneſſed this true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world; and ſuch preached it, and was manifeſt to it in every man, *Gal.* 1. 1. 2 *Cor.* 4. 6. 3 6.

Q. *And what do they deny Chriſt that do not confeſs the true light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world?*

A. Yea

M. Yea.

Q. *What is Chriſt the Reſurrection and the life?*

A. Yea, he who lighteth every man that cometh into the world, by whom the world was made, he is the reſtorer and the ſeeker of the loſt, and the reſurrection, and the life, and binder up of the broken, and he reconciles to God, and is the mediator between God and man; he that doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, he by whom it was made, who juſtifies to God, who covereth in query, and blotteth out ſin and tranſgreſſion; *Luke* 19. 10. *Joh.* 11. 25. 1 *Tim.* 2. 5. *Eph* 2. 10, 17.

Q *What is this the Chriſt, the ſecond* Adam, *that bringeth back that which was driven away?*

A. Yea the ſecond *Adam* is, for as in the firſt *Adam* all died, ſo in the ſecond *Adam* are we all made alive. 1 *Cor* 15. 22.

Q. *How died all in the firſt* Adam, *and how are we made alive in the ſecond?*

A. He tranſgreſſed ſo is in the ſin, out of the life in the death, death reigns from *Adam* to *Moſes*, for *Adam* having tranſgreſſed the Law and Commandment of God, ſo death reigned from *Adam* till *Moſes*, and ſo who be firſt in *Adam*, they be out of Gods commands, they be in the ſin, they be out of the light,

light, which is the Law of God, they be out of truth, they be the old creatures who died in *Adam*. Now Chriſt is he that makes alive, and quickens from the treſpaſſes which the firſt *Adam* is in, and deſtroys death, and the power of it, who doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, that all through him the ſecond *Adam* might believe and might have light in him, in whom is life, which is the light of men, man being in *Adam* in tranſgreſſion out of this light, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, by whom it was made, he is out of the ſecond *Adam*, out of truth, out of the light which is the life of men, and out of the way, the light, and the life, the way to the Father of life; in the tranſgreſſion, in the death; dead in the firſt *Adam*, though they may profeſs all the Saints words, yet not believing in the Saints light the Saints was in, in whom is life; being (I ſay) out of the light, and the life, they are in the death: for none comes to life, but who comes to Chriſt, who hath enlightned them from the firſt *Adam*, to the reſurrection out of the ſin, death, and tranſgreſſion, *Rom.* 5. 14. 1 *Cor.* 15. 47, 48. 2 *Cor.* 5. 17. 2 *Tim.* 1. 10. *Io* 1. 4. & 14. 16. *Rom.* 8. 2.

Q. Doth Chriſt enlighten every man that cometh into the World?

A.

A. Yea, *John* 1. 9.

Q. *And did not the world ſtand a Witneſſe againſt this true light, that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world?*

A. Yea, *Iohn* 8.

Q. *And did not the Scribes, and the Phariſees, and chief Prieſts, and* Herod, *and* Pontius Pilate, *ſtand a witneſs againſt this true light, that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, Which is Chriſt?*

A. Yea, *Herod* the Ruler put *John Baptiſt* to death, who was a man ſent from God, and came for a witneſs, to bear witneſs of the true light, and he confeſſed, and ſaid, he was the true light that enlightned every man that cometh into the world, *John* 1. 6,7.

Q. *Did not the chief Prieſts gather Counſels together againſt Chriſt to put him to death?*

A. Yea, *Iohn* 11. 53.

Q. *But could not the chief Prieſts tell by the Scriptures where Chriſt ſhould be born? by the Scriptures theſe were wiſe men?*

A. Yea they could, *Mat.* 2. 5.

Q. *And did not they ſeek to put Chriſt to death that could tell where he ſhould be born by the Scriptures?*

A. Yea, they did ſo.

Q. *And did* Pilate, *which had the original,*

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crucifie Chriſt? he was a wiſe man, he had Hebrew Greek, and Latine?

A. Yea he had ſo; for when they had crucified Chriſt, he wrote his ſuperſcription over him in Hebrew, Greek and Latine: yea he did ſo, *Iohn* 19. 19.

Q. Do not the Teachers of the world tell us that the Original is Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, which do deny Chriſt that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, and do not theſe ſet their Original above Chriſt, which deny the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world?

A. Yea, *Rom.* 10. 9.

Q. What doth the light which every man that cometh into the world is enlightned withal, doth that light bring to confeſs Chriſt, & to ſee him?

A. Yea.

Q. And can none confeſs Chriſt but who confeſs the light, which every man is enlightned withal?

A. No, for the light which every man is enlightned withal brings to Chriſt, and to confeſs him.

Q. What, are all antichriſts which do not confeſs Chriſt the light which hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world, but deny it?

A Yea 1 *Iohn* 4. 23.

Q. How and why?

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A. First they denying the light, which Christ hath enlightned them withal in their own particulars, they are against him who hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world in the general, so are against the light in the particular against the light in the general and against Christ, antichrist, 1 *John* 2. 18, 19 22.

Q. What, then he that is against the light is blind: how can he see Christ, how can he confess him: is not this he that cries, Lo here is Christ, lo there is Christ, that comes not to the light which he himself is enlightned withal?

A. Yea it is so, *Luke* 17. 21.

Q. What then is this the Deceiver that is from the light which he is enlightned withal; and begets other people from the light which they be enlightned withal?

A Yea, that is the Deceiver, *John* 17. 12. 15.

Q What doth not he which is from the light, which he is enlightned withal, who will not come to it, but goes from it, doth not he go from the truth and will not come to truth?

A Yea, *John* 6 40.

Q *Is he not then of the Divel which did not abide in the truth?*

A Yea, *Jo.* 8. 44.

Q. *But what if he now do professs the Scriptures, the Apostles words, and Christs words, and Moses Words, and yet doth not come to the light*

light he is enlightned withal, which lighteth every man that cometh into the World, but denyeth this light which cometh into the world, may not be a Teacher of Chriſt, of Truth, and the Scriptures, though he denieth this light which hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world?

A. Nay, he is no teacher of Chriſt, but a denier of Chriſt, which denieth the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, for the light is Chriſt, *Ioh.* 8. 12. *Mat.* 10.

Q. But cannot men know the Scriptures, though they do not believe in the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, by learning ſeveral languages, and interpreting the languages, and teaching people their ſeveral languages, though they doe not believe in the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World, him by Whom the World was made: ſhall not theſe know the Scriptures?

A. Nay, theſe cannot know the Scriptures of Truth, but with the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world; for he is the ſubſtance of what was written, and he came to fulfill what was written, the light did, and he is the Way, the way to know Scriptures, *Ioh.* 8. 43, 44. *Rev.* 3. *Col.* 2. 3.

Q. Yea,

Q. Yea, but I had thought if I had gotten the Scriptures, and men had gotten the Scriptures which speaks of God and Christ, and the Prophets, and the Apostles, and professed them, it had been enough, and carried them in my memory for this is but a thing lately that we have heard of, of a light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, that every one of us should be enlightned, and we not know it, that he came into the world, and that that light should give us the knowledge of Christ, from whence it comes, and this light should teach us, and this light should let us see Christ, in whom is light; which light is the life and it should let us every one see the way to the Father of light, from whence light comes) I had thought getting an outward knowledge of the Scriptures that had been sufficient?

A. Why, the Jews they had the letter, and could profess *Moses* words, and the Prophets words, and a Christ was to come, and they preached him but knew not the Scriptures: and they did not know what they professed; and they were in the same knowledge which thou now art in thy thoughts, who has begotten the Scriptures in thy mind, but dost not believe in the light, which doth enlighten thee, and every man that cometh into the world: the Jewes did not believe in

the light, that did enlighten every man that cometh into the world, ſo they did not believe in the light which they be enlightned withal; nor no more doe they which call themſelves Chriſtians; and here we differ nothing from the Jewes, who have had but a knowledge of the letter as they had, and have not believed in the things that is the light, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world; and yet they are ſaid to be Chriſtians, and deny the light which we all have been enlightned withal, and which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world: and have prayed for the converting of the Iewes which do not believe in the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world: ſo they not believing in the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, and having onely a knowledge in the letter, but being out of the belief of the light, as the Iews were, and ſo both out of the Covenant, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world: What ſhould they have converted the Iews into, when they both were out of the belief of the light, which hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world? yet they have talked of converting them, which have been onely in the knowledge of the letter, which profeſſed

feſſed a Chriſt was to come: ſo as we have profeſſed a Chriſt come, bu have not believed in the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world: ſo have ſtood againſt the belief: for he doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, that all men through him might believe, and with the light ſee Chriſt that hath enlightned them, *Acts* 13. 27. *John* 5 38. 1 *John* 2. 18, 19 26,27. 1 *John* 2.4 5 6 *John* 6.29. *Iſa.* 42.6.7. *Matth* 2 4.5 *John* 8.30,40

Q. *What, then the light that hath enlightned every one that cometh into the world is the way to the Father of light from whence the light came, who is not of the world, and is this the way then, that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world?*

A Yea, *John* 1. 15. to the 20.

Q *What then every man that cometh into the world, hath a light from the way?*

A. Yea *Iſa.* 8.19. & 49 6.

Q *What, is he that is from the light blind, and what is he that goes from the light from Chriſt?*

A. Yea, *Iſa.* 50.10.

Q. *And what doth he cauſe them that are from the light, to wander from the way?*

A. Yea.

Q *And is not he curſed that cauſeth the blind to wander from the way?*

A. Yea, the curſe remains upon him, *Deut.* 27. 28.

Q. *He that cometh not to the light that he is enlightned withal, is not he to be condemned?*

A. Yea.

Q. *But is not this light natural and a created light, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, and every man is enlightned withal?*

A. Nay, for he by whom the world was made, which was glorified with the Father before the world began, by whom all things were created that were created, he it is that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world: who is the ſecond *Adam*, Chriſt the life, and reſurrection, all being dead in the firſt *Adam* in the tranſgreſſion; and this light which he enlighteneth every man withal, by whom all the naturals were created, is not a natural light, but is a ſpirituall light, and an eternall light, *Iſa.* 60. 2, 3. 20 *Iſa* 42. 6. *John* 1. 3.

Q. *And is this the firſt Principle of the pure Religion, the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, which is not of the world, which giveth the knowledge of him which is not of the world, him by whom the world was made: and is this it which gives us to ſee the world, and the God*

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of the world and the Prince of the power of the ayr, that ruleth in the children of disobedience; will the light let see this?

A. Yea, the light which cometh from him by whom the world was made, lets see him that rules in them that are disobedient, *Joh.* 10.8. *&c.* & 3.36. & 4. *Eph.* 2.2.

Q To what?

A. To the light, 2 *Cor.*4 34.

Q. But what if I get a knowledge in Books, and Scriptures, in the Apostles words, Christs words, Prophets words, Moses *words, if I get all this into my knowledge, and learne Languages, Hebrew, Greek, and Latine, may I not be a Teacher of Christ when I have learned this, though I doe not owne the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world; and shall not I come to the knowledge of the glory of God?*

A. No, thou canst not come to the knowledge of the glory of God, neither art thou a Teacher of him, untill thou comest to own the light that shines in thy heart, which Christ hath enlightned thee withall; which light must give thee the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, 2 *Cor.*4.4,5,6

Q What then all my knowledge that is given to me, and not given to me by the light it will perish, it is natural?

A. Yea, for the light is it which gives the knowledge of God which knowledge doth not periſh, 2 Cor 4.6.

Q. *What is the matter that there is ſo many diviſions, and ſo many ſeparations, and ſects, and opinions in the world and ſo many Teachers, and all in diviſion one againſt another, and will all profeſs the Scriptures, and yet they are not in fellowſhip one with another, and every one will cry up his way beſt, and theſe be out of fellowſhip one with another?*

A. Yea they are ſo, now theſe be out of the light which they be enlightned withal, and ſo be out of that which muſt give them the true knowledge of the Scriptures, which light being one in them all and they come to the light, and loving the light, they all come into fellowſhip one with another, into that that gave forth Scriptures, that is, into the Spirit where there is unity; and being out of this, they are all in jars and confuſion, *Ibh.* 4 22.23.24.

Q. *Is not this many Languages* Babylon, *and many builders, where one plucks down anothers work; and why is that?*

A. That is becauſe they are from the light which every man is enlightned withal; and the life that gave forth Scriptures and they cannot ſee, *Luke* 17 21.

Q. *What then the light being one, which hath*

hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world which light is the way, this way is but one, and is this it which is the way to the Father?

A. Yea.

Q *And what is the matter that all men ſtumble in judgement, and erre in knowledge and wiſdom?*

A. That is becauſe they doe not own the light which they be all enlightned withal, which comes from Chriſt the wiſdome of God, which light gives them the knowledge of the glory of God, and brings them to true judgement; and the error is out from the light: and every man when he erres goes from the light which he is enlightned withal, and he that ſtumbles in judgement is from the light, *John* 11, 9, 10.

Q *And how is it that there is ſo much paſſion, ſo much wilfulneſs and perſecution among ſuch as do profeſs the Scriptures, and ſo much hatred, that men and people have ſcarce the patience to ſpeak one to the other to utter forth their minde one to the other without perverſeneſs about Religion: and what is the matter with theſe: was this the Apoſtles practiſe, or the Saints, or the Believers?*

A. No, *Tit* 3.2.

Q. *What, are theſe in the wiſdom below, and in a wiſdom that doth corrupt?*

A. Yea, for it's earthly, they be in the

earthly wiſdome, and the ſenſuall, and diviliſh, and with this wiſdom which is earthly ſenſual and diveliſh, are they profeſſing Scripture, they be ſo earthly, ſenſuall, and diviliſh, that they have ſcarce the patience to ſpeak one to the other about that which they call Religion, *Iam.* 3.5 & 1.25.

Q. *What are theſe the perverſe diſputers ſpoken of?*

A. Yea, 1 *Tim* 6.4,5.

Q. *And what, are theſe ſuch as pray, whoſe lips are poluted, and prayers abomination, that be in theſe things before mentioned?*

A. Yea, *Pſal* 31.18.

Q. *And what, is the Religion here among ſuch vain, where the power is not over the tongue?*

A Yea, *Jam* 1.26.

Q. *But with what muſt all this be ſeen, and what is the way that every man muſt come into unity and peace?*

A. The light is the way which every man is lighted withal and in him is the peace, *Ioh.* 16. 33

Q. *And is this the way to come out from the wiſdome which is from below, and from the knowledge which is earthly, ſenſual, and diveliſh?*

A. Yea, the light is the way which is the

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wiſdom which comes from above, which the fear of the Lord is the beginning of, which fear of the Lord is to depart from evil, this wiſdom which is from above which is pure, gentle, & eaſie it doth not perſecute any no, for it lighteth every man that cometh into the world, *Iam* 3 17 1 *Cor.* 1. 24

Q *What is the Covenant, the new Covenant, the everlaſting Covenant?*

A. The light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world; this light which enlightneth every one that cometh into the world, this is the covenant, *Iſa* 42.6.

Q. *What hath God given him for a Covenant, a light to lighten every man that cometh into the world?*

A. Yea.

Q. *And what have I, and every man that cometh into the world a light from Gods Covenant?*

A. Yea.

Q *What is this light that I have from the Covenant of light.*

A. That which lets thee ſee ſin, and thy tranſgreſſion, which hath ſeparated thee from God; ſo God doth enlighten, God doth give him for a Covenant of light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world; that you might believe in the light, and that every man with the light

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might ſee the Mediator between God and him, and might have peace with him, and that he might ſee Gods Covenant of light, with which he is lighted withal, and know his reconciler with which he is reconciled to God, 1 *Tim.* 2. 5. 2 *Cor* 5 18.

Q. *But we have held up ſuch Teachers as bear rule by their means which* Jeremy *ſaid was a horrible filthy thing committed in the Land, and we have held up ſuch Teachers as ſeek for their gain from their quarter: and ſuch Teachers as have ſought for the Fleece and the Wool, and we have held up ſuch Teachers as Divine for Money, and Teach for Money, and We have held up ſuch Teachers that are called of men Maſters and ſtand praying in the Synagogues, and have the chiefeſt place in the Aſſemblies: and held up ſuch Teachers as teach for filthy Lucre, and are greedy and are covetous with the light which Chriſt hath enlightned me withal, tells me are ſuch as the Prophets cryed againſt and Chriſt cryed againſt, and the Apoſtles, which were in the light, with which Chriſt hath enlighted every man withal, with which light they ſaw Chriſt: Now I ſee theſe be the Teachers which deny the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world; and keep people from it, the light which they be enlightned withal; are not theſe them that ſhut up the Kingdom of Heaven againſt men?*

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A. Yea, *Mat.* 23.13.

Q *Are not theſe the blinde Guides?*

A. Yea, *Mat.* 15. 14.

Q. *What is the Kingdom of Heaven?*

A. Why it is light, *Luke* 17. 21.

Q. *And what is it that gives to ſee the Kingdom of Heaven?*

A. The light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world.

Q *And what, do they that go from this light, which they be enlightned withal, go they from the Kingdom, Light, Power, and Life, and Glory?*

A. Yea, *Rom.* 14.17.

Q *And what are they thoſe that ſhut up the Kingdom of Heaven from others?*

A. Yea, *Mat.*23.

Q *What, then theſe be they that be all in the tranſgreſſion, that will neither go in themſelves, nor ſuffer others?*

A. Yea, they be ſo, and I cannot owne ſuch Teachers, which owne not the light which hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world; I that owne the light which I am enlightned withal: No, thoſe are the ſtrange voices, that owns not the light which they are enlightned withal, and enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, but are with the light condemned, *John* 1 0.4.5.

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Q. What then that Spirit that erres from that which gave forth Scripture, that cannot hold them up that be in the error from it; what theſe be they then that be in ſtrife about words, that be in that ſpirit that erred from the ſpirit that gave forth Scriptures?

A. Yea they be ſo, *Iſa.*28 7. 1 *Tim* 6 4,5.

Q. Why ſeeing there be ſuch a multitude of people that follow thoſe teachers, that own not the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, and the people deny it to many of them; how comes it about is this the broad way?

Yea, and many goes on it, *Mat.*7.13.

Q. And is this the wide gate?

A. Yea, for Chriſt is the way that doth enlighten every one that cometh into the world, and they that goe in the broad way they goe from this way which they be enlightned withal, and ſo they go from the Father of light, and theſe are they that go after thoſe Teachers that deny the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world; and the Teachers denying the light, and the people deny the light, and there is way, but its the broad way; but Chriſt is the way from the broad way, which is not of the world, to the Father who enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, that all men through him might believe and come

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to life, he is the way to the father of life, ſo men going from the light, they goe from Chriſt the teacher, whom God commands to hear, for he is the Prophet which God hath raiſed up like unto *Moſes*, which God commanded that people ſhould hear, *Mat.*19. 22. *Deut.*18.18.

Q. *And doe all they which go from the light which they be enlightned withal, and learne not of Chriſt, ſet up the heaps of Teachers after their own luſts, and be theſe the Teachers and Rulers?*

A Yea, and theſe will not hear the voice of Chriſt but hear thoſe Teachers which they have ſet up after their own luſts, and theſe have got the form of godlineſs but deny the power, 2 *Tim.*4.3 2 *Tim.*3.

Q. *How deny the power?*

A. Such as goe from the light, and will not heare the light which they are enlightned withal, but deny the light, ſuch deny the power.

Q. And how doe they ſet up Teachers after their own luſt after it?

A. Why they ſet up a Teacher which pleaſeth their owne luſts, and ſpeaks the ſmootheſt and the ſofteſt words to them, and he that is moſt in the eloquence, and moſt in the method, pleaſeth them that be in the luſt: ſo every one that be in their luſt, have a heap

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of Teachers according to their luſts, *Iſa.* 38. 19. *Ier.* 28. 15.

Q. But do theſe Teachers believe in the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world?

A. No if they did, they would not pleaſe them that be in their luſt *Ezek.* 13. 10.

Q. What then theſe Teachers and theſe people both deny the light that hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world, and do not hear the voice of Chriſt, when came theſe in?

A. The Apoſtle ſaw it in his days then enter, which is now amongſt men which is now diſcovered with the light which hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world, 1 *John* 2. 18. 27.

Q. Yea, But do not theſe which do not owne the light, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world: do not theſe hear Chriſts voice?

A. No.

Q. How comes that?

A. Why none hears Chriſts voice, but who hears the light which Chriſt hath enlightned them withal for he is the light, and they that hear the light, and believe in the light are the ſheep of Chriſt, and they know Chriſts voice and hear it.

Q. What is he the ſtranger that owneth not the light, and heareth not the light which he is enlightned withal? A.

A. Yea a ſtranger.

Q. *And will not he that heareth the light which he is enlightned withal which is the ſheep of Chriſt, which heareth Chriſt, hear a ſtranger?*

A No, theſe know the voice of a ſtranger, and him they will not follow, and theſe know Chriſt's voice. *John* 10. 5.

Q. *And what are all they ſtrangers to the Covenant of God, that do not own the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world and which they themſelves be enlightned withal; and is there vanity in their minds?*

A. Yea, *Eph.* 2. 12.

Q. *And are all theſe ſtrangers to the life of God, that own not the light which every man is enlightned withal?*

A. Yea, for the Covenant of God is the light, and none come to the life of God but who come to the light, which is the way to God, *Iſa.* 42. 6.

Q. *And what is the Word?*

A. Chriſt is the Word: his Name is called the word of God, who hath enlightned thee: and this light which hath enlightned thee, will let thee ſee him whoſe Name is called the Word of God: and there art thou to ſtand ſtill in the light, which cometh from the word, and lets thee ſee the word, *Rev.* 19. 13. 1 *Pet.* 1. 23.

Q. *What is this the word that ſanctifies and makes clean?*

A.

A Yea, *Heb.* 4.2.

Q *Yea but theſe Teachers that deny the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world they told us that the Letter was the word, and the Bible was the word?*

A. Yea, but the Jews which had the Scriptures which did not believe in the light which enlightned every man that cometh into the world, they perſecuted the word: ſo they which call themſelves Chriſtians now, which do not believe in the light, which every man that cometh into the world is enlightned withall profeſs the Scriptures declared forth from the Miniſters of the word, but perſecute the word, and them in whoſe hearts it is and ſets the Scriptures above the word, *John* 1 1. & 5.38,39.

Q. *What are the Scriptures to be done withall, and of what uſe are they, and for what end are they given forth?*

A. They were given forth for that end, that men ſhould believe them, and read them and hear them: and wait in that that did give them forth, to have them fulfilled, and practiſe them, *John* 5. 47 *Luke* 4.21.

Q. *But will not the Spirit that gave forth Scriptures, own it own word?*

A. Yea.

Q. *And can the Scriptures be broken?*

A. No, *John* 10.35.

Q. But

Q. But how is it then that men ſay they break the Scriptures, and crumble them, can they do ſo?

A. No, that is but their imaginations of the Scripture. they break them their own conceivings and private interpretations, and imaginations, that they break: for the Scriptures cannot be broken ſaith Chriſt, who is the light, 2 *Pet.* 3. 16.

Q. But how is it that the Scripture is ſo dark, and ſpeaks ſo darkly?

A, No, it is not the Scriptures that be dark, and ſpeak darkly; but it is men that be dark, and ſpeak darkly; and it is thoſe men which be from the light, which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, and ſo doe not ſee the Scriptures that were given forth from the Spirit of truth, that they be from the light, they that come not to the light which they be enlightned withall, they come not to Chriſt, and its they that ſpeak darkly, 2 *Pet.* 1. 20, 21.

Q. But how is it then that they who do not own the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, claim the Scriptures, and ſay its theirs, they that do not own the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, and which they be enlightned withal?

A. They be out of that which gave forth Scriptures, and ſo that is the Spirit which

did not abide in the truth, but did in all ages ſtand againſt them that gave forth Scriptures, and perſecute them; and though they might get the Saints words, yet perſecuted the Saints life, and them that be in it, *Mat.*23.30,31.

Q. *What doth corrupt the good Manners?*

A. Evil words, 1 *Cor.*15.33.

Q. *How ſhould I know them?*

A. Why, with the light which thou art enlightned withall; it will tell thee when thou doſt ſpeak evill words, or before thou doſt ſpeak them.

Q. *But is the Pure knowne by refraining evil words, and having a bridle to my tongue?*

A. Yea, *Jam.*1.26.

Q. *What doth pollute my lips, and make them perverſe?*

A. Thou being in the tranſgreſſion out of the light which thou art enlightned withal.

Q. *How in tranſgreſſion of it?*

A. Why, not owning of it, but acting contrary to, and ſo from the light, thou art poluted, thy lips are poluted, and thy lips utter perverſe things, 1 *Tim.*6.5.

Q. *And is there not then a falling into miſchievous thoughts and wicked imaginations?*

A. Yea, when thou goes from the light: for that is the light which ſhews thee ſin, and diſcovers them to thee, *Eph.*5.13.

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Q. What, the light will teach me to forſake all this then?

A. Yes it will do ſo, *Iſa.* 2. 11, 12.

Q. Shall not my lips be polluted and utter perverſe things if I walk in the light, and hear the light?

A. No, if thou hear the light, thou turns from guile and perverſneſs, and that which doth polute, *Mark* 9. 7.

Q. Doth any man upon the earth owne Gods righteouſneſs but who owneth the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world?

A No, for the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, Chriſt Jeſus, is Gods righteouſneſs.

Q. Are all the inſtructions upon the earth the inſtructions of errour, which denyeth the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world?

A. Yea they are from the light.

Q. Will here be my Way of Peace?

A. Yea, here will be thy way of peace: but if thou act contrary to the light, and doſt not believe in the light which thou art enlightned withal, thou wilt not have peace, but have trouble; for in me ye ſhall have peace, ſaith Chriſt, who enlighteneth thee, *Luke* 1. 79. *John* 16. 33.

Q. Yea, but the Teachers of the world

ſay, That every one was not enlightned with the light, and they were the Miniſters of Chriſt ſent into the world?

A. But Chriſt never ſent any to deny his Doctrine, who is the light that hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world, *Iohn* 1.9.

Q. *What are theſe the Antichriſts that deny the light which they are enlightned withal, and every man that cometh into the world?*

A. Yea, they are the Antichriſts which deny the light which they are enlightned withal, 1 *Iohn* 2.22.

Q. *And what is it to love my neighbour as my ſelf and how muſt I come to that, and love God above all?*

A. If thou love the light which thou art enlightned withal, thou loveſt God, who is light, and this light brings thee not to bear falſe witneſs, not to covet, not to doe any murther, not to ſteal not to commit adultery, not to bow to any image, nor not to covet any thing thy neighbour hath that is his; for it will not that any ſhould do ſo unto thee: and it will not let thee do ſo to any one: as thou loves the light, thou loves God who is light and thou loves thy neighbour who is enlightned with the ſame light and this brings to be nigh together, joyns you together, this brings to love God above

bove all thy Goods, and this brings to love God with all thy minde, and all thy ſoul, and thy Neighbor as thy ſelf, and ſo the Law is fulfilled in one word, 1 *John* 1. 5. *Rom.* 13. 8, 9, 10. *Mat.* 7. 12. 2 *Cor.* 3. 11. *Deut.* 6.

Q. *But are they Chriſtians that are crying up* Ezras *Pulpit, and the Prieſthood that take Tythes, and the Temple, and the Ordinances that are in the firſt Covenant; and have not the law of God put in their minds, and written and reveale d in their hearts?*

A. No, for they are Chriſtians that are in the ſecond Covenant the ſecond Prieſthood, he hath blotted out the hand-writing of Ordinances, changed their Prieſthood, diſanulled the command that gave them Tythes, and the Law by which they were made the firſt Prieſthood: he hath writ his law in his peoples hearts and minds, & put his Spirit in their inward parts, and they have received the light, which they be enlightned withal, theſe be the Chriſtians, theſe are in Chriſt, and theſe are the new creatures, 1 *Pet.* 2. 9. *Col.* 2. *Heb.* 7. 12. & 8. 10. 2 *Cor.* 5. 17.

Q. *What, they that be in the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the World, they be in the Covenant then?*

A. Yea, they be ſo, and come to know their election then, and the Lambs Book of

life, which was before the world was: they that own the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, they come to know this, they do: yea, they do ſo, 1 *Theſ.* 1.4. *Rev.* 21.17.

Q. *And what, they that do deny the light which every man is enlightned withal they do altogether live in the old things, do they not?*

A. Yea, and are the old creatures, and the old man, *Eph.* 4.22.

Q. *Are theſe they then that hold up the Prieſts that take Tythes, and hold up Synagogue, and Temple, and Ordinances that Chriſt hath blotted out?*

A. Yea, theſe be they that do ſo, that be out of the light, for tythes was an Ordinance of the firſt Prieſthood; but they that be in the light that comes from Chriſt Jeſus, ſee another Prieſthood eſtabliſhed, & the former done away with its Ordinances; they ſee other Temples then thoſe made with hands, *Heb* 7. *Col* 2.1. *Cor.* 3 17.

Q. *What doe theſe come to know whether their bodies are the Temples of the Holy Ghoſt?*

A Yea.

Q. *And do theſe come to know all things to become new?*

A. Yea, new Covenant new Prieſthood, new Temple, new Way, living way, a new Teacher

Teacher Chriſt Jeſus, who ſaith, learn of me, and this is my beloved Son ſaith God, hear ye him. Now they which do not own the light, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into world, they are crying up the firſt Prieſthood, and ſay, the lips of them muſt preſerve their knowledge, and them that hold up Prieſt, Synagogue, Temple, and Jews Sabbath; and theſe do not owne the light which every man that cometh into the world is enlightned withal; and theſe be in the old things out of the new, which own not the light, 2 *Cor.* 5. 17. *Heb* 10. *Mal.* 2. 7.

Q. What do none own the new things nor none own the new creature but who own the light that enlighteth every man that cometh into the world?

A. No, for the light is Chriſt, which maketh all new; which light doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world.

Q. Why then is not the worſhip of God now?

A. Yea.

Q. Was not the worſhip once at Jeruſalem, *and at* Samaria, *and at the Mountain where* Jacobs *Well was?*

A. Yea there was a Worſhip there.

Q. But did Chriſt deny that Worſhip?

A. Yea.

Q. And them for worſhipping there?

A. Yea, who ſaid, not at *Jeruſalem*, not at

Samaria, not at this Mountain; but they that worſhip the Father, muſt worſhip him in ſpirit and in truth, *John* 4. 21. 22, 23.

Q. And if he is not worſhipped at Jeruſalem, *nor at* Samaria, *nor at the Mountain where* Jacobs *Well was how comes he now to be worſhipped in theſe houſes which the Papiſts built, as the Teachers of the world ſay they worſhip him there?*

A. Nay, they worſhip they know not what, for God is a Spirit, and he muſt be worſhipped in the Spirit and in the Truth, and ſuch he ſeeks to worſhip him, the Father of Spirits.

Q. What is the truth in which he is worſhipped?

A. That is the truth which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, which the Divel abode not in, but is out off, and every man being enlightned with the truth, if he come to truth, he comes to that the Divel abode not in, but is out off, and in this is God worſhipped, and in the ſpirit, *John* 8. 44,

Q. What cannot men worſhip God in the Truth, if they believe not in the light which they are enlightned withal, and which hath enlightned every man that cometh into the World?

A. No, he that hath not believed in the light

light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, doth not believe in the truth.

Q. What is the light the truth?

A. Yea, *John* 1.14. & 8.12.

Q. What muſt not I tell a lie, if it bring me in gain, or my Father gain, or my Mother gain, or Siſters gain, or any of my friends or neighbours gain?

A. Nay, if it bring in gain, but ſpeak the truth, and loſe the gain, that the lie would bring into thee, for that will bring thee into ſcorn, and he that lies, goes out of truth, as the Devel did, who ſpake a lie, he ſpake of himſelf, and he abode not in the truth, for he ſaid to the woman thou mayeſt eat, when God ſaid, thou mayeſt not eat. ſo he ſpake a lie, and he ſpake of himſelf, *Zach.*8.16,17. *Gen* 3,4 5.

Q. Is there any command from God that man ſhould ſin, or commit ſin?

A. Nay, the light which cometh from Chriſt will let thee ſee that ſin is out of the truth, ſo there is no command to ſin from God who is pure, 1 *John* 3.8.

Q. Why may not one cozen, or cheat, or over reach people in bargains, and meaſures to get gain if I can do it privatly?

A. Nay, thou ought not if thou earſt doe it privately, for a cozener is out of truth, and doth

doth not do the thing that is true, and if he over reacheth another he doth not the thing that is righteous, but deceiveth the thing that is ſimple and innocent, and he that acts the thing that is falſe, acts the thing that is not righteous, & ſo his works are not wrought in God, and his works that are not wrought in God, they are all to be reproved with the light which thou art enlightned withall, which will let thee ſee and bring thee from off all falſe weights and meaſures, and that which is falſe is not true, and that will bring thee to ſorrow in the end, though for a time they ſeem ſweet, yet the reward of it will be bitter to him that the ſin ſeemed ſweet to: now the light will let thee ſee this which teſtifieth againſt the world, that the works of it are evill, *John* 3.19,20 *Prov.* 20. 10. & 7. 10. *&c.*

Q. But may not I follow games and pleaſures, and make jeſts and rimes, and go to Dancing, and Fidlers and Wakes, and Bouls, and matches at Foot-ball, and playing at Cudgels, and take pleaſure in theſe things?

A. Nay, for this is a taking pleaſure in the fleſh; and this is that birth that perſecuteth the Spirit; and this is that which is from the light, which witneſſeth of Chriſt, and would ſlay it, which birth taking pleaſure in the fleſh, which fleſh glories; this fleſh that glo-

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ries, and birth born of the fleſh, is not the birth born of the Lord, and which in him takes pleaſure, in which the Lord hath delight. Now he that believeth in the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, he comes to witneſs the birth not born of the fleſh, which taketh pleaſure in the Lord; and thoſe pleaſures that doe but recreate the fleſh, and the birth borne of the fleſh he denies; for he that is born of the Spirit, which is perſecuted of him that is born of the fleſh, keeps down that nature, keeps down that birth, and judgeth it which is born of the fleſh, and recreates and takes pleaſure in ſports, and there hath its liberty, and there its glory, fleſh glories, and the birth that takes pleaſure in the Lord which anſwers the light in every man, which he is enlightned withall, ſtands a witneſs againſt that birth born of the fleſh, which fleſh glories in its ſports, & paſtimes; there doth that perſecute, *Gal* 4.29. *Rom.* 8. 13. *Ier.* 9 23.

Q. *What is the higher power to which the ſoul muſt be ſubject to; is there a power that muſt not be ſubjected to; what is that power?*

A. That is the power which did not abide in the truth, which muſt not be ſubjected to, but that is the higher power which the ſoul muſt be ſubject to, which is above that

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which did not abide in the truth; ſo this power is above that which did go out of the truth, which ſpake of himſelf; the Divel ſpake of himſelf, and he ſpake a lie, ſo he that ſpeaks of himſelf, doth not follow Chriſt, who hath enlightned him to deny himſelf, and ſo he denying ſelf, ſelf ſhall not ſpeak, *Rom.*13.1. *John* 8.44.

Q. What is ſelf?

A. He that ſpeaks and doth not follow Chriſt. And it ſelf doth ſpeak, and act, and rule, there the light is not owned, and Chriſt is not followed, and ſelf is not denied. And this light which Chriſt hath enlightned thee withal, will tell thee thou muſt not ſpeak evil, of any man, *Rom.*13.9.

Q. Now what is it to ſpeak evil of any man?

A. That is, not to ſpeak the Truth. And the light which thou art enlightned withal, it will let thee ſee thou muſt ſcoff none, reproach none, backbite none, envy none, nor have malice at any; but to be meek and humble; the light with which thou art enlightned withal, will let thee ſee this, that all this is contrary to the light, and is not to be hearkned to, which who follows, learns not of Chriſt, *Mat.*5.44.

Q. How may I know the children of God from the children of the Divel?

A. The children of God they believe in the

the light which they be enlightned withal; So are children of light borne of God. The children of the Devil do not believe in the light which every man is enlightned withal; so they do not believe in the truth, but deny this light, and this light torments them which they are from, and this is the condemnation of them, 1 *John* 3.10. *John* 3.19.

Q. *But I who am enlightned with the light which is the truth, shall not I see temptations?*

A. Yea, the light will let thee see them, and it will let thee see that sin lyeth at the door; and thou loving the light which lets thee see them, the judgement will be set up at the gate, and if that sin do lie at the door, and the temptation come thither, why its without, heed not it, but heed the light Christ, who hath enlightned thee, him by whom the world was made; and here thou wilt witness a greater in thee; than he that is in the world, so he that believes, he overcomes, for Christ who hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world, who is the truth, was tempted to fall down to him who was out of the truth. Now if he tempt thee which is out of the truth, & abode not in it, (mark) if he tempt thee which is out of truth, which thou art in, never fear him, but fear God then, and submit to truth, and dwell in it, and stand still in truth, for there thou

thou receiveſt power which keeps thee above temptation of him, that is out of truth, out of the light; for the light is the truth, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, *Gen.*4.7. 1 *John* 4.4. *Mat.*4.4. *John* 8.44.

Q. *Did the Apoſtles witneſs this Doctrine the light, did they preach it?*

A. Yea, for the Apoſtle when he was brought before the Heathen, in his examination, he made a confeſſion that he was ſent to turn the people from the darkneſs to the light, and from the power of Satan to God, which they were in. Now theſe are the Miniſters of Satan which deny the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, and keep people from it; theſe are they that turne people from the power of God to Satan; and theſe are the Miniſters of Satan, and the falſe Apoſtles, who turn the people from the light. But the Apoſtles which did believe in the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, which light he was enlightned withal, was ſent to turn people from darkneſs to light, and did warn both ſmall and great to repentance, and to doe works meet for repentance, *Acts.* 26. 18. 2 *Cor.*11.13. *Mat.*3.8.

Q. *Doth none come to repentance, or regeneration,*

generation, or tranſlating from darkneſſe to light, but ſuch as owne the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world?

A. No, for where the light is ovvned, the light lets ſee the change of the mind from what it was in formerly, and changeth it out of that which it vvas formerly, and here is regeneration; and here is turning it from the power of Satan, who is the power of death, he which receiveth the light vvhich enlightneth every man that cometh into the vvorld, receiveth povver over Satan, over Death, over the Divel, over him vvho abode not in the Truth, but is out of it: So he which receiveth this light which he is enlightned withall, and enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, he receiveth the truth and the truth maketh him free. And he that is made free by this truth, is made free indeed, *Rom.* 12. 2. *Eph.* 4. 23. 1 *Cor.* 15. 55. *John* 8. 32.

But what now if I ſee drunken company drinking healths drinking Ale and ſtrong Beer, may I not goe and drink with them, and keep company with them as they do?

A. Nay, they be out of the light which they be enlightned withall, who be devouring the Creation upon their luſts, and be out of the fear of God, and out of the wiſ-

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dome of God; and ſo if thou goe from the light which thou art enlightned withall, then thou goeſt among them that be out of the fear of the Lord, where the fleſh glories; which are out of his preſence, going from his light: Now thou mayſt goe among ſuch to reprove them, thou who dwells in the light which thou art enlightnedned withal, to reprove ſuch who dwell not in the light which they be enlightned withal, and ſo are become riotous perſons, and drunkards and turned from the light which Chriſt hath them enlightned withal. They ſmite their fellow-ſervants; and Chriſt who hath enlightned them, which they are turned from, will give them their portion with hypocrites and unbelievers; therefore take thou heed to the light with which thou art enlightned withal, and with it ſee the Saviour of thy ſoul, and eſcape all the pollutions of the world, *Prov.* 23. 21. *Gal.* 6. 12. *Eph.* 5. 11. *Rev.* 21. 8.

Q. *What is that the Divel, and the Tempter, which ſpeaks of himſelf, which abode not in the truth?*

A. Yes.

Q. *And is he of the Divel, and they and Tempters that ſpeak of themſelves, and are out of truth, and do deny it?*

A. Yea.

Q. *With*

Q. With what is the Divel the Tempter ſeen which ſpeaks of himſelf, who abode not in the truth?

A. He is ſeen with the light, which is Chriſt the Truth, who doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, and with this light which man is lighted withall, which comes from Chriſt the truth he is diſcovered. Who is in this light, is of God, and ſpeaks his word, which light comes from it, 1 *John* 1.5.

Q. What doth none ſpeak the Word of God but who are in the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world?

A. No, for the Jews knew not the word who owned not the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world; the Word became fleſh; and the Chriſtians which own not the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, they are not Miniſters of the Word, but of the Letter, they know not the Word, who own not the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, *John* 1.14. 2 *Cor.* 3.6.

Q. What, do none ſee Chriſt the Hope of Glory, but who own the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world?

A. No, for the light that cometh from Chriſt the Hope of Glory, which enlightneth every one that cometh into the

world, comes from the Hope of Glory, and with it they ſee the Hope of Glory, and come to ſanctifie the Lord in their hearts, and give a reaſon of their hope with meekneſs and godly fear, to every man that asketh, *Col.* 1. 27. 1 *Pet.* 3. 15.

Q. *Will the light let me ſee my unſanctified eſtate?*

A. Yes.

Q. *And when I am not meek, and when I am not low in heart?*

A. Yes, the light which Chriſt hath enlightned thee withall, will let thee ſee this; and if thou hearken to the light, and love the light, it will teach thee to be meek and low in heart; and if thou do not hearken to that which will carry thee up in a high minde, and do not hearken to the deceit which hardens thy heart, the light makes it manifeſt, *Mat.* 11. 29. *Rom.* 11. 20.

Q. *Shall I receive the ingrafted Word into my heart if I weight in the light which comes from the word?*

A Yes for the light comes from it, and the word divides aſunder that which the light diſcovers to be contrary to that which is precious; and it is as a hammer, and it is as fire. *Heb* 4. 12.

Q. *And what is it that will give me to ſee him by whom the world was made, and him by whom all things were created?* A. The

A. The light which comes from him who hath enlightned thee, by whom all things were created, *Heb.*1.2.

Q. *Is this the light which sheweth me my sin, and transgression, and iniquity, which hath separated me from God? Is this the Covenant of light which I am united again to God, which doth make manifest this?*

A. Yes, *Isa.* 42.16.

Q. *That which separates me from my sin, and from my iniquity, and transgression, is this the light which separates me from this? and Gods Covenant of light with which I come to have unity and fellowship with God and his Son?*

A. Yea, with which light I come to see sin, and transgression blotted out, *Psal.*51.9.

Q. *And is there no peace but in the Covenant of God, which is the covenant of light?*

A. Nay, thou knowest there's no peace if thou act out of the light, in the unrighteousness, *John* 16.33.

Q. *Where is the Way where I may be kept from all distractions and distempers, and drunken thoughts and imaginations, and conceivings, and my own reasonings?*

A. Heed the light, and stand still in that now that discovers all this, and there thou shalt receive power to overcome all that, from him that hath given thee a light, to

ſee all that which is contrary to the light; and here thou ſhalt find the way of peace and eſtabliſhing, yea, the freſh ſprings of life; be but patient and learn of Chriſt, and be content, and thy ſoul ſhall be ſatisfied, *John* 1.12. *Luke* 1.79. *Joel* 2.26.

Q. *Shall any man come to know Chriſt the Author of his faith which ſhall give him victory over the world, but who believeth in the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world?*

A. Nay, for the light cometh from the Author of Faith, and lets him ſee the Author of the Faith; and brings him to look to the Author of his Faith, Chriſt Jeſus, *Heb.*12.2.

Q. *Wherein ſhall I come to inherite life eternal, and how?*

A. Then coming to the light and receiving the light, with this light which comes from Chriſt the life, thou ſhalt receive the promiſe, which is eternall life, this is the light which maketh manifeſt ſin and death, 1 *John* 2.25.

Q. *But do none come to eternal life but who come to the light which they are enlightned withal?*

A. No, for the light is the life; he that is out of the light, is in death; he that waiteth in the light comes to inherite the promiſe

miſe and abide in it; and none comes to ſee the Son of God, and Chriſt reign, but who owns the light that doth enlighten every man which cometh into the world, which comes from Chriſt the Son of God, *Heb.* 6. 12.

Q. *The Miniſters, and Teachers, and Profeſſors of the World told us, that the four Books* Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, *was the Goſpel?*

A. Yea, they do ſo, which do not believe in the light that doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, which they that doe believe in the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, is the Goſpel to them, is the power of God unto ſalvation, to every one that doth believe in the light; but to them that do not believe in the light, Profeſſors and Teachers, the four Books by them is put for the Goſpel, *Romans* 1. 16.

Q. What are theſe in the natural knowledge, and out from the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, which muſt give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, that put the four Books for the Goſpel?

A. Yes, the Scripture ſaith the Goſpel was preached to *Abraham*, which was before the four Books was written; which Goſpel is the power of God, *Gal.* 3. 8.

Q. *And the Teachers of the world told us*

that Hebrew, Greek, and Latine, is the Original?

A. Yea, they did ſo, and do ſo.

Q. And moreover ſuch told us, that ſuch as had this Original, might open the Scriptures to the ignorant?

A. Yea, and they do ſo.

Y. *But the Scriptures ſay all the Earth was of one Language before* Babel, *and* Nimrod, *the cunning Hunter before the Lord, which came out of the ſtock of curſed* Ham, *whoſe Kingdome God did confound into many Languages: and* Pilate, *who crucified Chriſt, when he had crucified him, he wrote a ſuperſcription and put over him in Hebrew, Greek and Latine, and put over Chriſt, and* Pilate *knew him not. Now if theſe Languages were the Original, which* Pilate *had which crucified Chriſt, and which Languages were ſtopt at* Babel *and can go no further, for all the Earth was of one Language before. Now to believe them that ſay this is the Original, and they that have them may open the Scripture, which are learned men. So* Pilate *which had that Original a learned man, which was no further then* Babel *which had his Original, which crucified Chriſt, may be one among them. Now whether are we to believe the Scriptures, or theſe learned men?*

A. Why, the Scripture ye are to believe before them, and thereby ye may come to

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witneſs the Word which was before the Scripture was given forth; and the Spirit the holy Ghoſt, which moved the holy men of God to give it forth; and ſo you may come to witneſs that that gave them forth upon record, that leads into all truth, *John* 5.39. & 1.1. 2 *Pet.*1.21.

Q. Is not the Letter the light?

A. Nay, Chriſt is the light; many had the Letter, and ſtood againſt the Light, *John* 8. 12.

Q. Is not the letter the word?

A. Nay, Chriſt is the Word; his Name is called the Word of God, and many had the Letter, which ſtood againſt the Word which became fleſh, and dwelt among them, *Rev.*19.13. *John* 1 14.

Q. Now the Teachers of the world, and profeſſors of the world told us the Bible was the light, and it was the Word?

A. Why, it ſaith God was the Word, and it ſaith Chriſt is the light, they ſay ſo which are the Miniſters of God, but they ſay, the other which are the Miniſters of the World, made by the Will of man: The Teachers of the World ſay, to the Law, and to the Teſtimony, and they call the Scripture ſo. But many had the Scriptures, yet were not of the Teſtimony, and ſtood againſt the Law, and were tranſgreſ-

lors of the Law, the Teſtimony of Ieſus is the Spirit of Propheſie, and the Scriptures is not the Spirit, and the Law is light, and to obey the Law, is to reſpect no mans perſon, and he that obeys the Law, denies no Magiſtrate, that walks in the Law which is light, *Iohn* 1.1. *Rev.*19 10. *Iames* 2.9. *Pro* 6.23.

Q. What then if they ſpeak not according to the Law and to the Teſtimony, it is becauſe there is no light in them?

A. Yes, the Light of the wicked is put out, and the light is the eye, and here the eye come to be cloſed, and the Teſtimony of Ieſus not received, and the light gone from, which is the Law, *Prov.*20.27.

Q. Is the Croſs of Chriſt an imagined thing, or is it a Croſs of Wood or ſtone, or any other thing that is viſible, invented with the minde, what is it?

A. The Croſs of Chriſt is the power of God, which throws down thoſe croſſes that be invented with the minde within, or without, and the power of God is the croſs of Chriſt, which removes, ſhakes, and throws down that which is to be removed and ſhaken; which raiſeth up that which ſhall never be ſhaken, and brings where there is no ſhakings, and this is the power of God, which is Chriſt's Croſs, 1 *Cor.* 1. 18. *Heb.* 12.27.

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Q. Is theſe Steeple-houſes the Church, or the great Meeting places, or the ſeparated places which profeſs the Scripture, which do not believe in the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world?

A. No, the Church is in God, which is the pillar and ground of truth, where there is not a ſpot, nor a wrinkle, nor a blemiſh, or any ſuch thing, this is the Church, and whatſoever is ſaid to be man, is not the Church, for it will blemiſh, or what man doth ſet up or invent, that will blemiſh, and have blemiſhes in it; but in the Churches of Chriſt there is none; and man, and what he ſets up, will wrinckle, and is ſpotted, but the Church of Chriſt is out of ſpots, or wrinkles, or any ſuch things; ſo for calling the great houſes Churches, that's ignorance; ſo for calling a company of people that are full of pride, and deceit, and blemiſhes, ſpots and wrinkles, to ſay this is the Church, which is the pillar and ground of Truth, where there is neither ſpot, nor wrinkle, nor blemiſhes, nor any ſuch thing, that cannot be ſo ſaid, 2 *Theſ.* 1. 3: *Eph* 5 26. 27.

Q *How ſhall every one come to this Church, where there is neither ſpot nor wrinkle, which is the ground and pillar of Truth?*

A. Every one having a light from Chriſt Jeſus the Saviour of the ſoul, him by whom the

the world was made, he is the Rock upon whom the Church is built, every one being turned to the light, he is turned to the rock from whence it come, and ſo he is turned to the Church, which is in God the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, *Heb.* 1. 2. *Matth.* 16. 18. 2 *Theſ.* 1. 1.

Q. How is it that there is ſo much preaching upon firſt days, Lectures, Praying and funeral Sermons, and Faſting daies; and yet people and Teachers continue in their pride, vanity, and perverſeneſs, and in their old waies; and by all this preaching people are not profited, they are never the better: what is the matter that preachers and people are both alike in profaneneſs, pride, covetouſneſs, and they are greedy as the the people for filthy lucre?

A. It is ſo, and the cauſe is this, for they are ſuch Teachers as the Lord hath not ſent, and ſuch as have not heard his voice, but they are ſuch as uſe their tongues which the Lord hath not ſpoken to, which the Lord ſent his Prophets to cry againſt, which have not profited his people at all, upon whom night ſhould come, which deceive with the hard ſpeeches and good words, which the Lord hath not ſent; and theſe are them which doe not believe in the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, and theſe are them

them which Gods anger is turned againſt, and theſe are them which the Lords ſervants did bear teſtimony againſt in ages paſt: and theſe are found profeſſing the Prophets words, or the Apoſtles, or the Son of God, but are out of the life of the Prophets, Apoſtles, or the Son, therefore theſe are with the life of the Prophets, Chriſt, and the Apoſtles judged. *Jer.* 23. 21. 32. *Mic.* 3. 6.

Q. *Are we to hold up ſuch Teachers as bear rule by their means, and the Lords Prophets cryed againſt? are we to hold up ſuch Shepherds as cry for their gain from their quarter? or are we to hold up ſuch Shepherds as ſeek for the fleece and the wool, and make a prey upon the people?*

A. No, the Lords Prophets cryed againſt ſuch, *Eze.* 34.

Q. *Are we to hold up ſuch Prophets as divine for money, and if the people doe not give it them, they prepare war againſt them, and the Lords Prophets cryed againſt ſuch* Mic. 3. *and are we to hold up ſuch Teachers that ſtand praying in the Synagogue, and have the chiefeſt place in the aſſembly which Chriſt cryed woe againſt?* Matth. 23. 6. Mark. 12. 38, 39. Luke 11. 43.

A No.

Q. *Did Chriſt bid not do as the Phariſees?*

A. Yea, ſuch as Chriſt cried woe againſt, they

they had the Law, and they were to heare the Law, and doe as it is ſaid; and not as they did, for Chriſt was made under the Law and come to fulfil it and when he was ſacrificed up, he had fulfilled it, the Law; then he ſaid, Goe preach the Goſpel to all Nations; and then ſaid the Apoſtle, Him that had the form of Godlineſſe, and not the power, is to be turned from; ſo then we are to know one another in the power, then go act the power of goditneſs, *Iohn* 7. 19. *Mat.* 23. 3. *Gal.* 4. 4. *Ma* 5. 17. *Iohn* 19. 30. *Mat.* 28. 19. *Mar.* 16. 15. 2 *Tim* 3. 5.

Q. *Are we to hold up ſuch Teachers as teacheth for filthy lucre, and hath the love of money, are ſtrikers, and brawlers, and railers, and are covetous?*

A. No, for ſuch will get the form of godlineſs, the good words, the Scriptures; but ſuch denies the power, therefore ſuch turn from; for a covetous man is a reprobate man concerning the faith, & is an idolatrous man, which faith purifies the heart, and keeps from idolatry, and ſuch as be in the love of money, erre from the faith and ſuch are pierced through with hurtfull luſts, and be in the root of evil, and be diſproved by the light, which doth enlighten every one that cometh into the world, and are acting contrary to the light in their own particulars, which

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light ſhall anſwer the light in them that walk contrary to it, which light the children of light walking in, are found in that light which doth condemn them and their actions that walks contrary to it. Chriſt Ieſus who doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, ſaith, I receive not honour of man, 2 *Tim.* 3. 8. *Eph.* 5. 5. *Acts* 15 9. 1 *Tim.* 6 9, 10. *Ioh* 1. 9. & 5. 41.

Q. Will this light which doth enlighten every man, receive honour of man that gives it him, or one of another?

A. No, the light of Chriſt Ieſus teſtifies againſt the honour of man, and which receive honour one of another, *John* 5. 44.

Q. What is the honour of man that God will deface and ſtain?

A. It is that which men that be in the tranſgreſſion hath invented in tranſgreſſion of the light, which honour, God will ſtain, which who be in the light, receives the honour from God, and gives the honour to God again. And here is the cauſe of men and women in the earth, being out of unity and fellowſhip one with another, it is becauſe every man is from the light which Chriſt hath enlightned him withall: for every man that cometh into the world being enlightned, and every man being turned to the light which he is enlightned withal, he is turned to Chriſt from

from whence light comes, with the light which every man is enlightned withall, in the light they will have unity, ſo in the light they ſhall have fellowſhip one with another, every one leaving the light he is enlightned withal, he leaves Chriſt, *John* 3.18,19 20.

Q. *Why then here is no Antichriſt?*

A. No.

Q. *How comes the Antichriſt then?*

A. Why he that hateth the light which he is enlightned withal, and keareth not it, he is the Antichriſt and the deceiver, where the thorns and thiſtles grow out of, whoſe fruits declares them, 1 *John* 2. 18, 19, 20, 21, &c. 1 *John* 4.3.

Q. *What then, Doe they goe from the light which they be enlightned withall? They goe then from Chriſt, from whence light comes; and are theſe the falſe Apoſtles, them that did not continue with the Apoſtles, but went out from the light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, and ſo from the unity and fellowſhip one with another, and from the anointing which abideth within which will teach people, and as it teacheth them, they ſhall continue in the Father and the Son?*

A. Yea then they began to go forth from the light which they were enlightned withall in the days of the Apoſtles, and ſo went forth

forth from the Anointing, and ſo went forth to the falſe Prophets and Antichriſt, and ſuch as went forth from the light which they were enlightned withall, and every man is enlightned withall, they ſtand againſt the light in others, and theſe are the Antichriſt, and the falſe teachers which now are ſtanding in the world, which came in, in the days of the Apoſtles, as you may read in the Scriptures, which now ſtands againſt the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, that all through him might believe; which all that doth not, it is their condemnation, and theſe Teachers & people that be from the light that doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, concludeth it to be a created light, and a natural light, by which light all things was created that was created, and made, that was made, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, which was glorified with the Father before the world began, the Sun was created, the Moon and the Stars; theſe were created lights which were created for him, and by him, and to him, which enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, which he that is turned to the light ſees him by which all things was created, which was glorified with the Father before the world began, 1 *John* 3. 18. *John* 1. 2, 3. & 17. 5. & 17. 24, 25.

Q. And

Q. *And doth none ſee their ſalvation but who are turned to the light which Chriſt hath enlightned them withal, and will the light let ſee Chriſt their ſalvation?*

A. Yea.

Q *Doth any come to ſalvation who hates the light they be enlightned withal, and believes not in the light?*

A. No, the light is their condemnation, *John* 3.19

Q. *And is the firſt day the Sabbath?*

A. No, Chriſt roſe on the firſt day of the week, and the Saints met on the firſt day, and the Circumciſion was on the firſt day, the eighth day, and the Iews met on the ſeventh day called the Sabbath: ſo the Iews meetings differs from the Chriſtians meetings which meet on the firſt day, *Mark* 16. 2. *Acts* 20.7. *Luke* 1.59. *John* 7.22.

The End.